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## THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

No other happening in Washington has caused more stir during the past week than the published utterance of Mr. O. P. Austin, chief of the treasury bureau of statistics. He says that he has carefully analyzed the prosperity conditions and indications and finds that every evidence points toward not only a continuance of present prosperous times but a substantial increase in the prosperity if conditions are left undisturbed. With the knowledge that the bureau of statistics is concerned only in giving out facts and figures which bear on the products, commerce and finances of the country, your correspondent called on Mr. Austin and found that he had not been in any way misquoted. It must be remembered that he is an expert who has made a study of conditions with their bearing on the welfare of the country, and that his conclusions are based on the most careful of calculations. "If I were the only one who had studied the question, to arrive at these conclusions," he said, "I might feel that there was chance for slight doubt as to the exceedingly rosy prospects. But when I find that Secretary Wilson, through careful studies of crops and markets, makes the same deductions, I am doubly sure that we are not tottering on the crest of a wave of prosperity before a plunge into the gulf of calamity, as some cranks are trying to make the country believe. On the contrary everything points to our being simply on the rise of a long, smooth ground-swell which will carry us to an era of good times of which the present is only the dawn." He admitted that disturbing conditions might arise, but said that his calculations to be complete had to take cognizance of the possibilities and even with everything considered he felt that his predictions of a long period of good times was a safe one. It may be added that the American people have a reputation for knowing and holding to a good thing when they have it.

That prosperous conditions will be continued is assured by the interviews which your correspondent has obtained from prominent men from all states of the Union, who have visited Washington during the spring months. The results of his observations on the prospects of the next national election are that out of a total of 239 electoral votes necessary for a choice, the democratic party with a "solid south," including Maryland and Delaware, which are extreme concessions, and giving them control of New York and New Jersey an even greater concession, can count on only 213 votes. Republicans, without Roosevelt's own state and the others mentioned above, are assured of 243 votes. This leaves California, with 10 votes in the doubtful column, and does not make predictions on Wyoming, and other western states, though the recent demonstrations in favor of Roosevelt in the west indicate that the democrats have but little hope in that quarter. Predictions are not arguments by any means, but after a careful canvass, I present the foregoing figures for what they are worth. They are at least conservative.

During the past week General Miles' state report on conditions in the Philippines appeared and attracted momentary attention, and when found to contain nothing new or of any great significance, comment which collapsed like a prickled toy balloon. The arguments of the bureau chief, who had conducted more thorough investigations than were possible by the low-to-town tour of the general, made the latter report quite rapid. It will be recalled that General Miles was allowed to go to the Philippines by the war department as a sop to his assurance that he could at once get at the base of troubles and put an end to disaffections, which existed for the most part in the minds of the opposition to the administration. Their cause, instead of being strengthened by Miles' report, has fallen decidedly flat since he has nothing to offer which has not been thoroughly investigated before.

There is no "quiet" course of leniency and suppression being carried on the postoffice department investigation, but the whole situation is being gone over thoroughly, disclosing irregularities which have existed for a long time. Mr. Roosevelt is too thorough a reformer to permit the present of rogues with felt slippers, and their handling with silk gloves,

even if Postmaster General Payne were himself inclined to keep things under cover—which he is not. Dismissals have followed the finding of clerks on "laborers' rolls in defiance of the Civil Service rules, and favored "laborers" have been given the alternative of hustling mail sacks and scrubbing windows, or leaving the service. The misdemeanors involving higher officials have been the subject of a long conference between the postmaster general and Secretary Root, who left immediately after the conference for St. Louis where he presented the facts to the president in order that the latter might be acquainted with the steps taken, and advise the best course to thoroughly purge the service of existing evils. It can be stated definitely that the return of the president will bring forth even greater activity than has been already shown.

The tricky handling of the suffrage question by the Alabama Constitutional Convention, it must be admitted, has practically tied the hands of the Supreme court, so that its decision on the disfranchisement of the negro in violation of the Federal Constitution affords no judicial remedy for the matter, as it declares that the relief for such political wrong must be political. On the whole, the decision is most satisfactory. It plainly points the way and congress has full legal power to enforce a political remedy. Under the Fourteenth Amendment it can reduce representation in states which indiscriminately disfranchises a large class of citizens. And as "each house shall be the judge of elections, returns and qualifications of its own members," the house of representatives can inquire into the credentials of Alabama congressmen the registration of voters, and can seat or unseat contestants in cases where lawful voters were deprived of the right of suffrage.

## A WALK

Said he "Let's take a walk"  
Said I, "Where shall we go?"  
Said he, "To the end of the world mayhap"  
Said I, "Aye be it so."  
So we set out together,  
And thus we've walked since then,  
Through fair and stormy weather,  
He's been the best of men.  
He's strengthened and he's helped me,  
Been tender, brave and kind,  
He's such a man you seldom see,  
For they are hard to find.  
I've tried to do my best,  
Been patient, kind, true,  
Though troubles filled my breast  
And trials not a few.  
He's smoothed from out my way  
The roughness and the briars,  
And thus day after day,  
Brighter born loves I see.  
For woman like the rose,  
And chivalry of men,  
The gentler sex must share,  
The hardships now and then.  
For aught that e'er concerns,  
The one we love the best,  
However fortune turns,  
With them we're cursed or blest.  
We feel it all the more,  
If he must suffer too,  
We soothe the one who grieves,  
With gentle words and true.  
To suffer and be brave  
In silence to endure,  
Our mission is to save  
To love the good and pure.  
To comfort those in grief,  
To lighten others sorrow  
Our own joy may be brief,  
We hope on for tomorrow.  
And parting come to us,  
And fill our hearts with pain,  
Ah, it was ever thus,  
The last we see come again.  
Thus many years have passed,  
Since I became his wife,  
I'm glad my lot was cast,  
With him to spend my life."  
—Milford, 1903.

## Real Estate Transfers

David Cole, Jr., to Elizabeth J. Herman, 3 acres, Lehman, \$15.  
Mary Vanduser to Edward Kenny, 112 acres, Dingman, adjoining lands of Hanson and White, \$1.  
Frederick A. Ross to Fannie A. Ross, lots 5 and 8, Matamoros, \$500.  
Joseph Reilly to Nicholas Reich, lot in Westfall, No. 67, part of map of lot 108, \$40.

## The East Lined

"I have derived great benefit from the use of Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism and lumbago," says Mrs. Anna Hespigans, of Tuckahoe, N. J. "My husband used it for a sprained back and was also quickly relieved. In fact it is the best family liniment I have ever used. I have recommended it so many and they always speak very highly of it and declare its merits wonderful!" For sale by Balch & Son, Matamoros, all general stores in Pike county.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Dr. H. M. King and wife of Liberty, N. Y., visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Marie Pinchot, this week.  
Miss Blanche Bidlack, who has passed the winter in New York, returned to her home on Centre Square last week.  
Mrs. L. E. Hafner has been confined to her room by illness, caused by care and anxiety, since the funeral of her mother.  
Mrs. Anna R. E. Pinchot of New York is at Grey Towers, Mr. Pinchot is at Santa Catalina Island off the coast of California.  
The Misses Bigelow, who occupied a cottage on High street last year, are again in town and will reside in the same place this summer.  
A marriage license was granted this week to Ella Fulmer Westbrook of Dingmans Ferry and John William Lucas of Paterson, N. J.  
Mrs. J. E. Jones of Lynchburg, Va., who recently visited here and in New Jersey, has lately removed with her husband to Greensboro, N. C.

## Woman's Progress

Every theory against woman suffrage has been completely demolished in the light of practical experience, until about all that is left for the opposition is the one which is being used for all it is worth: "Women do not want the ballot." "Whenever a majority of women ask for it they will get it." Many opponents frankly admit that this is the only argument worth considering, but still claim that it is sufficient reason for withholding the ballot until such time as a majority of women ask for it.

To the unthinking this may seem very reasonable, but when one considers the history of all past progress, together with present facts, this excuse (for it is nothing but an excuse for deferring justice) seems meagre indeed. A majority of women have never demanded a single privilege that has been granted them in the past, nor was one of them ever asked for even by a small majority. The long discussion over "woman's rights" has by no means been confined to the franchise, but has included the right of women to speak in public, to organize, to receive higher education, to enter the professions and industrial occupations, to control their wages and to hold property, all of which have passed exactly the same gauntlet of objections and been belabored with precisely the same clubs that have been used to prevent women receiving the right to the ballot.

The effort for the right to speak in public and to organize was made by less than a hundred women. It was with the utmost difficulty that a few thousand women in the state of New York could be persuaded to sign a petition for the right of women to own property after marriage, and there was practically no petition for it from the women of other states. Most of them expressed themselves satisfied with the laws as they were. If the universities of the country and the founders of the great woman's colleges had waited until a majority of women asked for them, not one woman in the United States today would be receiving the higher education.

The majority of women have never asked for anything, and they never will do so. In each case a few, far in advance of the masses, made a determined and persistent effort, and secured these privileges for their sex, which, when secured, the great body of women availed themselves of without a thought as to their benefactors.

## ELNORA MOSKON BARCOCK.

Colonist Rates to the West  
The Erie Railroad will sell daily until June 14th, one way colonist tickets from Port Jervis to most all points in Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Idaho, Mexico, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, at very low rates of fare. A postal to the Erie ticket office, Fort Jervis, will bring by return mail any desired information.

## Made Young Again

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens' again!" writes D. H. Turner of Dempseytown, Pa. They are the best in the world for liver, stomach and bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 25¢ at all drug stores.

## OBITUARY

MRS. HANNAH BROWN  
Hannah, wife of Abram D. Brown, died at her home here Wednesday afternoon, after an illness of several weeks of a complication of diseases. She had been for several years afflicted with asthma, but latterly heart and kidney trouble developed and her descent to the dark river was rapid.

She was born near Chester, New Jersey, about sixty-eight years ago and was a daughter of the late Barnabas C. and Bath Horton. October eighth, 1860, she married Mr. Brown and a few years later they came to this county, locating in Lackawaxen township, but soon after removed to this borough, which has since been their home and where her cordial and kindly manner won her a wide circle of friends. It is difficult often to analyze the traits of character which subtly radiate and charm the atmosphere surrounding a personality. There is a genial warmth and comfort which unobtrusively pervades it and which attracts those who come within its confines. Without being demonstrative there is recognition of a sincerity and deep affection in such natures and they bind others to them with the strongest ties. Such lives bear fruit in their example and though the mortal vase be broken, the perfume of the roses which it contained and nourished will remain a lasting memory to those who remain to mourn the loss. Of such character was Mrs. Brown. Her ways were those of a kindly, warm hearted wife, mother, friend and neighbor who without demonstration was a comfort in her household and a pleasure to her friends. Her surviving family has the sincerest sympathy of the community in their affliction.

Her husband and three children, B. Edward, Lydia and Mrs. Frances A. Westfall, survive. She is also survived by one brother, George E. Horton of Branchville, N. J., and one sister, Mrs. George Howell of Chester, N. J. The funeral conducted by her pastor, Rev. E. M. Smead, will be held tomorrow, Saturday, at 3 p. m.

## MRS. SARAH M. TITMAN

Mrs. Titman, wife of Jeremiah M. Titman, died at her home in Lehman township Sunday, May 3d, of illness superinduced by age. She was born near Blairstown, New Jersey, April 11, 1823, her maiden name being Sarah Margaret Wildrick. After marriage she came to this county which all her long life since has been her home. She was an excellent wife and mother and had peculiarly amiable traits of character which endeared her to neighbors and many friends. Tho' she had long passed the allotted period of life, her's was an evergreen old age and the memory of her deeds of kindness will remain a bright heritage and will crown that memory with a halo of tender recollections. Her aged husband and children, as follows, survive: Albert J., of Dover, N. J.; Mrs. Phoebe J. Tallman, of Milton, N. J.; Elizabeth, wife of L. F. Hafner, of Milford; Mrs. Emma Emery, of Scranton, N. J.; Mrs. Electa Reed, of Newark, N. J. Funeral services were held at Dingmans Wednesday conducted by Rev. Victor A. Wood and interment in Delaware cemetery.

## Forest Fires

Forest fires have about disappeared in this section, not by reason of having been put out, but because there is nothing left to burn. If the state intends ever to reforest her lands she must have fire wardens appointed, and enough of them, who will be energetic and alert, and she must pay them a fair compensation. The system of constables as fire wardens is demonstrated to be a failure. If those officers are conscientious in fire matters as they are in respect to some other things, the only wonder is that some of them don't burn up, too. They will need to have a care for the hereafter.

## A Startling Test

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of North Mehopcany, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "A patient was attacked by violent hemorrhages caused by ulceration of stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation and kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50¢ at all drug stores.

## INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

The outcome of the school house location is generally very gratifying. Livery George Gregory has just received some neat, new wagons for use in his business.

Alonso T. Scarle, Esq., of Honesdale has been appointed by Judge Archibald Referee in bankruptcy for Wayne and Pike.

An exemplified copy of the will of the late Dr. Charles W. Roberts has been filed with the register here. It bequeaths all his real and personal estate to his wife and names her sole executrix.

The annual meeting of farmers' institute managers and lecturers will be held at Huntington, Pa., June 2d, 3rd and 4th. There will be a number of addresses by some of the foremost and ablest agriculturists and horticulturists in the state.

Two carriages in which were four persons each from Port Jervis raced up our streets Sunday and a brief interview with Chief Burgess Chamberlain resulted in the borough being \$10 ahead of the game. The four who escaped will be remembered when the come again.

After June 1st an interchangeable mileage system will be established by the Pennsylvania, Erie, Lehigh valley, D. L. & W. and other railroads. The books will be sold for \$30 good for one thousand miles and when used the holder will be given a rebate of \$10 by the road issuing the book.

The Supreme Court, confirming an opinion of the late Judge Arnold of Philadelphia has refused to charter a Christian Science association. The master in the court below found that the purposes of the association as disclosed were improper and in violation of the laws intended to prevent the practice of medicine by unqualified persons.

In an opinion filed Tuesday Judge Erdman discharges the rule to show cause why the sheriff's sale of lands in Shohola to Otto Zoellner shall not be set aside. He holds that there was not sufficient evidence to prove a conspiracy or that Zoellner, the purchaser, practiced any fraud in the sale. The costs are put on the petitioner.

## School Board Meeting

The Directors of the Independent School District of Milford met Tuesday evening to open bids and let the contract for the new building. It was resolved not to confirm the sale previously made of the old school house on Catharine street to Thos. Armstrong, but to offer the building and lots appurtenant at public sale. The resolution heretofore passed to locate the new building on Catharine street was rescinded and it was unanimously agreed to accept the offer of Mr. Gifford Pinchot to sell the four lots corner Harford and Fifth to locate the new building thereon.

The bids for building the new house were as follows: Floyd F. Goble, Port Jervis, \$18,987.50; E. S. Wolf, Milford, 18,400; H. L. Canine, of Dingman township, \$14,650, and the contract was awarded to the latter.

## Will Relinquish Farming

J. C. Hansers, a well known farmer of Delaware township, advertises a sale of mules, horses, wagons, harness and farming utensils on May 12th. He feels the weight of advancing age and that after a long life of sturdy toil, himself and wife, who has shared with him its burdens and cares, deserve to lay them aside and spend their declining years in the enjoyment of a well earned relaxation from active labor. They will continue to reside on the farm which will be managed by their son.

## Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending May 9, 1903:  
Mrs. Jas. H. Bull, Miss Anna Van Why, Miller Romayne, Jno. Hallman, foreign; Francisco M. Antonio. Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

## CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

To Cure a Cold in One Day  
Felix Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25¢.

The president was very enthusiastically received in what was once populat-riden Kansas.

## Council Meeting

The town council at a meeting Monday evening passed a resolution to make a demand on preceding county treasurers for the per centage retained by them on license money. The amount is over \$200. Treasurer Swepiniser paid over the license money in full.

It was also decided to clean the alleys of all refuse and to enforce ordinance No. 4 relating to placing or casting any dirt, stones, coal or wood ashes or any animal or vegetable matter, filth or refuse, or rubbish of any kind whatsoever on the streets, alleys and sidewalks, and to enact an ordinance regulating placards, building materials on streets and sidewalks with permission of council, Rules and regulations to govern the use of the borough building by the firemen and prescribing the manner and by whom the rooms may be used were also adopted.

An agreement was made with the Van Pike telephone company providing that the company shall pay a tax of 50 cents each on its poles for the past two years and that the ordinance heretofore passed shall remain in abeyance until after the decision of the Supreme court in the Bradford county case.

## A Valuable Circular

We are in receipt from the Pennsylvania state department of agriculture of a circular of the division of zoology prepared by Prof. H. A. Surface, M. S., economic zoologist, treating of insect pests and plant diseases and the best method of dealing with them. This circular is invaluable to the fruit grower, gardener and farmer. Information is given of the various kinds of insects which destroy plants and harm trees and growing crops and the method of their extermination. It is sent free on application and is designed as a practical aid to agriculturists, gardeners, seedsmen, nurserymen, florists and others.

Send a postal card to Prof. H. A. Surface, Harrisburg, for monthly circular, Vol. 1, No. 1, and a copy will be sent you. Every one will find in it much of value and especially the hints entitled "a few sprays of don'ts." There is no need to remain in ignorance of so much that is not only important but absolutely necessary to know in the successful management of the farm and garden when a circular of this kind may be had for the asking. It would save many dollars.

## Driving Park Notes

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Driving Park association held Monday evening, the former board was unanimously elected. They are B. E. Brown, P. N. Bourneque, elected vice president; Dr. Wm. B. Kenworthy, afterward elected president; J. R. Thornton and Thos. Armstrong. C. G. Wood was elected secretary and Robert Findlay having tendered his resignation as treasurer, George Gregory was appointed in his place. It was determined to hold the first race July 4th.

A committee was appointed to consider the matter of holding a county fair this fall, also several other committees to manage the various sports which are expected to be provided. The directors are hopeful of a prosperous season and will use every effort to afford some excellent racing, holding out sufficient inducements for foreign horsemen to come on with their fast animals.

The golf grounds will be in charge of a good committee who will put them in first class condition for that game and it is hoped they will be largely patronized.

## California Excursions

The Erie will sell a special excursion ticket from Port Jervis to Los Angeles or San Francisco, Cal., daily, from May 11th to 17th, inclusive, good returning to July 10th, at the low rate of \$67 for the round trip. Here is an opportunity to visit the Pacific Coast at less than the first class one way rate.

## Quick Arrest

J. A. Gallodge of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing twenty-four tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bocklen's Anusol Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25¢ at all drug stores.

WANTED—YOUNG MEN to prepare for Government Examinations. Fine Opportunities in all Departments. Good Salaries. Rapid Promotions. Examinations soon. Parolucare Free. 1-24-03  
Inter-State Car. Inst., Cedar Rapids, Ia.

## THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

The cold spell is broken, it will be warm enough about July 4th.

The boys are having lots of fun fishing for shad. If they had less fun they would get more shad.

Mrs. A. Revoyre has traded her black horse to Jake Van Tassel for a gray.

What is more of a nuisance than to have our streets littered with cheap ads. Our borough fathers should stop this.

Mrs. J. Hatchette has moved from Ann street into the new Wells cottage on Harford street.

Some people seem born for trouble, get out of one difficulty right into another.

Outdoors when they come to town must not include in the pastime of racing horses. It cost one party \$10 last Sunday.

Now stop a scorching auto, or two, and keep bikes off the sidewalks and then we will be in it.

Port Jervis is going to have a street fair. What is the matter with Milford having something. The idea of having a fair here has died before it was really born. May be the Fire Department will get up a celebration on July 4th.

Jim Pigory came very near being buried alive Wednesday. He was at work digging for the foundation for the new bridge on the turnpike when the embankment took a sudden slide, but James escaped.

Don't throw stones in the dark, you may hit the wrong person.

Mrs. Leo Kye of Newton is visiting her mother, Mrs. Henrietta Decker.

Well after awhile the schoolhouse bit will be settled to the satisfaction of a few at least and a new building will adorn our village.

Henry Ludwig is nursing a bad case of a cold.

## Wants a New Stomach

It is understood that Mr. Rockefeller's offer of a million dollars for a new stomach is a standing one. It is not likely that the reward will be successfully claimed, if so, an advance in oil can be looked for. It is lately announced, however, that the Standard Oil Magnate has discovered that the game of golf, requiring considerable exercise, conduces to an increased appetite and less dyspepsia and the chances are that the American people will be thus cheated out of their opportunity to earn a million dollars. If they do not thus earn it, they will have to pay it, as otherwise it is presumed that the price of oil will not be advanced.

## Eastern Question Settled

The Manchurian question appears to have been settled to the satisfaction of all parties but China, which government still fears Russia. The latter country's explanation has led Secretary Hay to address to Count Cassini, Russia's representative a note thanking that government for the frank and satisfactory declaration of Russian principles. It was suggested that it would be well to hear all the facts on all sides of the case before condemning the so-called Russian policy regarding the gobbling of Manchuria. If the czar is to be taken at his word it seems now that Russia has no such intention and that the scare was a canard.

## It Will Be Preserved

The committee recently appointed to examine and report on the condition of the Declaration of Independence, found that celebrated document in a somewhat faded and impaired condition, owing to the fact that in the early days it was often placed upon exhibition and that fac-simile copies were made from it. The ink of the original parchment may be faded, it may become indistinguishable from the surrounding sheepskin, but its copy can be found in every school text-book and its principles engraved upon the heart of the nation, notwithstanding the walls of certain of our contemporaneous statesmen.

If troubled with rheumatism, give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial. It will not cost you a cent if it does no good. One application will relieve the pain. It also cures sprains and bruises in one-third the time required by any other treatment. Cuts, burns, frostbites, quinsy, pains in the side and chest, glandular and other swellings are quickly cured by applying it. Every bottle warranted. Price, 25¢ and 50¢ each. Balch & Son, Matamoros, all general stores in Pike county. 6 25 30